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VOL. XX—No. 26 CHARLEROI, WASHINGTON COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA, SATURDAY, JULY 5, 1919 TWO CENTS

MORE THAN 700 ALUMNI ATTEND NORMAL COMMENCEMENT

Plans Made For Broader And Larger Activity In Athletics

NEW OFFICERS WERE CHOSEN

The final commencement activities at the California Normal, which closed with the alumni banquet and dance Wednesday night, were attended by more than 700 former students of the institution. The gathering was marked by great enthusiasm and plans were made for greater cooperation of the alumni in the school affairs, and for a reconstruction of the institution.

The banquet which was held at 7 o'clock Wednesday evening was one of the largest in the history of the school. Senator W. E. Crow of Uniontown, one of the speakers, was unavoidably detained at the last minute. W. S. VanDyke, of Pittsburgh, making the principal address.

Plans were made at the business meeting which preceded the banquet, for a broader and larger field in athletic activity. At this same meeting H. Earl Springer, of California, was elected president of the Alumni Association for the ensuing two-year period, and Miss Elizabeth Morgan, of California, was chosen secretary. The retiring officers were Attorney J. Albert Reed of California, who presided over the business meeting and the banquet and Miss Henrietta Lilley of California, secretary.

The dancing commenced at 10:30 o'clock. The music was furnished by Jenkins orchestra of Charleroi, composed of ten pieces. Vocal selections were rendered by the Majestic Male Quartet and Walter Vaughan of Fayette City, a concert singer.

The banquet was served by Arthur Pollock, superintendent of grounds and buildings.

WILL REMEDY SEWER TROUBLES AT MONESSEN

Monessen has seen enough of floods during heavy storms and will make an effort to have this difficulty corrected in its sewer system. At a meeting of their borough council the engineer was instructed to make plans for rectifying this trouble at once. During the past month the business houses of the town have been flooded and damaged to considerable extent by the overflow of water.

Coroner's Inquest Held.

The coroner's jury investigating the death of the unidentified man whose body was found in a lonely spot near Donora June 28 Thursday, found that he came to his death at the hands of an unknown person. The dead man was thought to have been William Clark of Pittsburgh, but attempts to prove his identity failed.

Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Newcomer left Thursday for Mountain Park, Oklahoma, where they will spend several months.

WILL PREACH SERIES OF SERMONS DURING JULY

Beginning Sunday evening and continuing each Sunday during the month of July Rev. C. G. Huffer, pastor of the First Christian church will preach a series of sermons to the young people. The following subjects will be discussed: July 6, "Love, Courtship and Marriage." July 13, "Business, How to Choose It and How to Succeed." July 20, "Money, Its Use and Abuse." July 27, "Character, and How to Build It." Special music will feature each service.

MONESSEN HOME COMING YESTERDAY

Monessen was crowded to its utmost in its Home Coming celebration yesterday. From early morning until late at night the immense crowds were entertained in various ways. At ten o'clock a parade that was never equaled in the town was given. Sports of various kinds filled the afternoon and at night one of the best fireworks displays ever given in the valley entertained the immense crowds.

An aeroplane exhibition was scheduled for the morning and afternoon. Engine trouble delayed the starting of the exhibition at the scheduled hour but an attempt was made later on In starting across the field the machine did not raise soon enough, just missing the fence in leaving the field, and striking one of the higher buildings of the Page Fence company, smasing the propeller and the planes of the machine and putting it out of commission for the day. The operator was uninjured. Outside of two false fire alarms there was not an accident reported during the day.

MEMORIAL SERVICE HELD FOR LATE MRS. WISE

At the missionary society meeting of the Washington Avenue Presbyterian church Thursday afternoon a beautiful memorial service was held in memory of the late Mrs. O. M. Wise. The paper was read by Mrs. Robert Whitehead and the music in charge of Mrs. L. B. Robertson. Mrs. Richard Knight was the leader of the program and was assisted by Mrs. South, Mrs. Henderson, Mrs. Patterson, Mrs. Stahlman and Mrs. Tope. Mrs. Pfleghardt, the president, presented the New Era, part of the program. The Islands of the Philippines, Cuba and Porto Rica were all considered and the missionary problems discussed. Mrs. I. V. Kinder contributed a vocal solo, and was accompanied by Mrs. Clifford Robertson. A social hour followed the program.

Miss Esther Berryman of Lincoln avenue together with her uncle, W. I. Berryman, daughters Betty and Athalia and son Billy of Library will leave Sunday for Eaton's ranch at Wolf, Wyoming, where they will spend two months.

Charleroi People In Auto Mishap Yesterday Evening

Four persons were slightly injured in an automobile accident which occurred on the Belle Vernon - West Newton road Friday evening about 6:30 o'clock. An Oakland automobile, driven by Cecil Ritchey of Charleroi, overturned in the road after passing another car. In the car with Ritchey at the time were Misses Norma Bosson and Grace Heupel, both of Charleroi, and Mr. Hennigan of Monessen. Mr. Ritchey suffered a dislocated shoulder while the other members of the party escaped with slight cuts and bruises. They were aken to Monessen for treatment and then to their various homes. The car was badly damaged. The party had been attending the Alpha Phi Beta-Viking Club picnic at the Nash farm and were on their way to Charleroi to secure bathing suits before returning to the picnic grounds for the evening.

SUNDAY SERVICES AT THE CHURCHES

St. Mary's Episcopal
Church school 9:45. Morning prayer 11 a. m. G. D. Griffiths, Rector.

Methodist Episcopal
Sunday school at 9:45. Morning service at 10:45, in charge of the Centenery Minute Men. Special music. No evening service.

First Baptist
Sunday school at 9:45. All members are urged to be present at the services at 11 o'clock as the calling of the new pastor will be considered. No evening services.

First Christian
Bible school at 9:45. Morning wor-

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FOURTH OF JULY QUIET IN CHARLEROI

Charleroi spent a very quiet Fourth of July. There were no scheduled celebrations of any kind and the greater portion of the population either visited other towns or spent the day at private picnics. The carnival which is now showing at the ball grounds did not open for business at all in the afternoon, something out of the ordinary for a holiday. At night the amusements were open as usual but the crowd was very small for a holiday.

BELLE VERNON POST OFFICE SECOND CLASS

Postmaster R. W. Lange, postmaster at Belle Vernon has received word from Washington, to the effect that the office at that place has been advanced into the second class division. This will give Mr. Lange the services of another clerk at the office. What Mr. Lange mostly desires now is the free delivery system.

Miss Carrie Lauderback of North Charleroi, left Thursday morning for Painesville, Ohio, where she will visit with relatives, leaving later for Cleveland, where she will visit her cousin, the Rev. John Price and family. Rev. Price has just returned from overseas duty, where he served as chaplain of the 80th Division.

GAYMAN REELECTED

Daniel Gayman, of West Zollarsville, a former high school teacher of Charleroi, has been elected as principal and teacher in the West Alexander schools.

CHARLEROI CLUBS ENTERTAIN FRIENDS

The Alpha Phi Beta and the Viking Clubs of Charleroi were the hosts in a Fourth of July picnic at the Nash farm, about five miles out from Belle Vernon yesterday.

About 75 couples were present from Charleroi and other towns in the valley and a very pleasant day was spent. Dancing, bathing, baseball and trapshooting was enjoyed, while others spent the greater portion of the day in the shade of the trees in the Nash orchard. The Peerless orchestra of Monongahela furnished the music for the occasion. A picnic lunch was served at both noon and evening by the clubs.

$130 PER ACRE TOP BID FOR COAL AND SURFACE

The executors of William Knox of Buffalo township offered for sale last week two pieces of land situated in Cross Creek township and Independance townships. Both farms are beside active coal mining operations, while a railroad crosses one. $130 per acre was the highest bid, while $92 was bid on part of the land.

CAMPMEETING TO BE HELD AT BEECHWOOD PARK

The annual camp meeting of the Uniontown district of the Free Methodist church will be held at Beechwood Park, near West Belle Vernon, July 10 to 20. The grove is reached by trolley cars. There will be quite a number of speakers. No meals will be sold on Sunday. The object of the meeting is the upbuilding of Christ's kingdom.

Anthony Brown.

Anthony Brown, a well known citizen of Cokeburg, while eating dinner on Thursday, was stricken by illness and died before he could be removed from the table. Funeral services were held Saturday afternoon at 5 o'clock and interment was in the Beallsville cemetery.

MOTOR CAR UPSETS

In an attempt to avoid hitting the Ford roadster of which Eugene Wickerham, son of Sheriff Wickerham, and Elliott Weyer of Washington were occupants, Mrs. Joe Jackson ran her car into the ditch near Prosperity yesterday. The car upset but was not materially damaged.

FIRE DEPARTMENT CALLED OUT THREE TIMES AT WOODWARD FIRE

CHECKO-SLOVAK C. E. UNION TO MEET

The Checko-Slovak Christian Union from Pittsburgh and vicinity will meet in Charleroi Sunday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock in the Methodist church at Seventh street and Lincoln avenue. The principal speaker will be A. J. Moncol, from Holdingford, Minn. He will speak on "Our Message to the New Checko-Slovak Republic." A feature of the meeting will be special singing. The evening meeting will be held in the same building.

ASK FOR DECISION ON NEW SCHOOL BILL

School authorities from township, borough and city all over the State are swamping the State Department of Public Instruction for interpretations of the Woodruff teachers' salary increase measure passed by the legislature during the closing hours of the session.

School districts, figuring their budgets for the new year, are confronted with the provisions of the new measure, which has been signed by the Governor. Prominent school authorities say that by the provisions of the Woodruff bill many of the boards of education throughout the state will be swamped and they look for many changes in the personnel of teaching forces, made necessary through the enforced inability of the school districts to meet them.

It is said the bill is to be submitted to the attorney general for interpretation, as it is said there is no one who can tell what the bill will cost the state or districts. The status of the teacher is not made clear, as the question arises whether salaries are to be paid for the job or the teacher. Some boards maintain that the state has no authority to compel them to pay $120 a month for a teacher when they can comply with the law by hiring some other instructor and pay $100 a month. Boards of education can refuse to hire a teacher formerly receiving $100 a month who would be entitled under the increase to $120 a month and they can replace that teacher with some other to be paid anything above the minimum of $80 a month. The question then comes up as to what the status of the dismissed teacher shall be, whether he or she in seeking reemployment in some new field must receive $120 or can the board bargain on the new minimum basis. These are questions for the attorney general to settle, and which places the question of final determination of budgets and financial difficulties of school districts in an unsettled condition.

However, Charleroi has already signed up its teaching corps. and will obey the spirit and letter of the law in giving all teachers the salaries called for in the bill.

Born—July 4th. to Mr. and Mrs. Frank Kubins, a daughter.

Rubbish Burning Is Cause Of Fire In Furniture Ware House

DAMAGE WILL BE HEAVY

Prompt and efficient work of the Charleroi Volunteer Fire Department prevented a serious fire Thursday evening about 7 o'clock. The storage room of the Woodward Furniture Co. which is located in the old sub-station at First street caught fire from a pile of rubbish which had been set afire by youngsters playing in the vicinity. The windows which were boarded shut caught first and the flames quickly spread to the interior of the building. The damage to the furniture will amount to several thousand dollars. The firemen were called to the scene three times, the fire breaking out in different places among packing and along the rafters of the structure.

NAVIGATORS MUST OBSERVE REGULATIONS

Federal engineers of the Pittsburgh district have received a large supply of printed regulations for locks and dams on the navigable waters of the country, and which apply to all navigators on the Monongahela. According to section four of the river and harbor act "every person and every corporation which violate such rules and regulations shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor and, on conviction thereof in any district court of the United States within whose territorial jurisdiction such offenses have been committed, shall be punished by a fine not exceeding $500, or by imprisonment (in the case of a natural person) not exceeding six months, in the discretion of the court.

CALIFORNIA WOMAN HELD ON MURDER CHARGE

At the coroner's inquest at California in the death of Zeto Scotch, Italian who died June 12 in the McKeesport hospital after being shot in his home there, Mrs. Rose Scotch, his wife, and Mrs. Joseppa Messina, her mother, were held to court on a charge of murder.

Notice.

If the party who wrote the letter complaining about a pool room on McKean Avenue permitting gambling to be conducted in their place of business, and neglecting to sign their name will come to my office and produce the evidence that gambling is conducted, prosecutions will follow. There are three pool rooms on McKean Avenue but the letter does not state which one permits gambling.

C. W. Albright, Chief of Police.

Rev. and Mrs. E. N. Duty and children of Lookout avenue spent the Fourth with Mrs. Mary A. Frye of Fallowfield township.

Majestic Theatre Today

Billie Rhodes in "THE LAMB AND THE LION"

also Pathe News and Lloyd Comedy

Monday—Tom Mix in "The Wilderness Trail"

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Coyle Theatre Today

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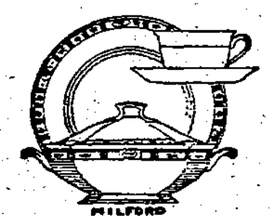
Monday---Mae Murray in a 6 reel feature, "The Scarlet Shadow"



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